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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: AMOCO DECISION SEND MARINER BACK TO 304.1

REF: CAIRO 11860

1. GAMASY TELEPHONED AT 2000 TONIGHT. HE HAD JUST BEEN CALLED BY MINPET HILAL TO REPORT TALK WITH AMOCO MANAGER CRAIG. CRAIG HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM AMOCO HEADQUARTERS IN CHICAGO INSTRUCTING HIM TO SEND MARINER BACK TO 304.1 SITE WITHOUT DELAY. CHICAGO HEADQUARTERS REPORTEDLY ALSO INFORMED DEPT AND, ACCORDING HILAL, DEPT HAD CONFIRMED THAT RIG SHOULD GO BACK.

2. ALTHOUGH HILAL HAD WANTED RIG TO RETURN TOMORROW, GAMASY HAD TOLD HIM OF HIS OBLIGATION FIRST TO ADVISE ME. IN ORDER ALLOW TIME FOR THIS, GAMASY HAD TOLD HILAL TO WAIT UNTIL SATURDAY 0700 LOCAL. GAMASY INTENDS SEND EGYPTIAN NAVAL VESSELS TO ESCORT MARINER.

3. GAMASY ALSO INDICATED HILAL HAD TOLD HIM OF FAHMY TELECON (REFTEL). HE, GAMASY, HAD TRIED TO GET FAHMY, BUT WAS UNABLE TO DO SO. HOWEVER, HE KNEW FAHMY'S VIEWS. I TOLD GAMASY I WOULD AT ONCE REPORT OUR TALK AND, IF DEPT HAD ANY FURTHER VIEWS, I WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM TOMORROW.

4. HAVE NOT YET HEARD FROM CRAIG DIRECTLY, BUT HE

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IS COMING IN TO SEE ME TOMORROW MORNING.

5. COMMENT: IF GAMASY STORY IS CORRECT, AMOCO
HEADQUARTERS SEEMS TO HAVE DECIDED RIG FOREMAN WAS WRONG AND RIG
SHOULD BE SENT BACK. WOULD BE HELPFUL KNOW BEFORE 0930 LOCAL
(0730 GMT) WHAT POSITION DEPT TOOK
WITH AMOCO WHEN APPRAISED OF DECISION. EGYPTIANS DETERMINED GO AHEAD
AND AMOCO, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF CONCERN ABOUT GOE IRE, SEEMS TO
HAVE DECIDED IT MUST GO ALONG. AMOCO MANAGER, AND PERHAPS
CHICAGO HEADQUARTERS AS WILL, GRUMBLE THAT OUR NOTIFICATION
PROCEDURE WITH ISRAELIS WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENT.
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